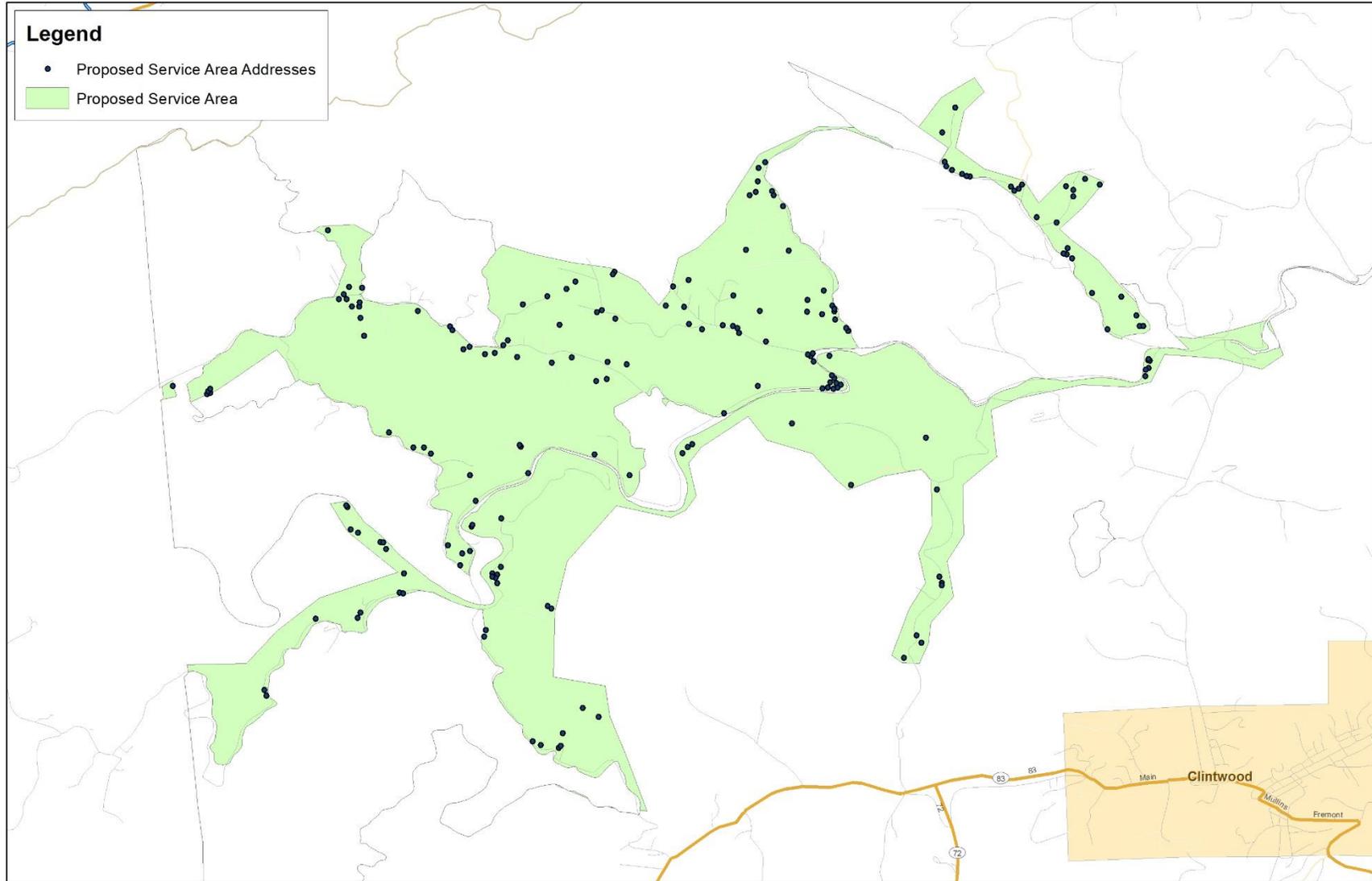


# Bear Pen Broadband Expansion Project



The Cumberland Plateau Company and its co-applicant, Point Broadband, will be submitting a grant application to the VATI program for the Bear Pen area of Dickenson County. The application passes 189 definable E-911 addresses and includes the Bear Pen Public Swimming Pool. The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will implement the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI). The goal of VATI is to enhance sustainability and growth of communities throughout the Commonwealth by preparing those communities to build, utilize, and capitalize on telecommunications infrastructure. Consistent with the enabling legislation, DHCD will award the \$19 million FY 2020 appropriation to eligible applicants to provide last-mile services to unserved areas of the State. DHCD reserves the flexibility to award any amount to eligible grantees, depending entirely on the quality and quantity of applications received. The primary objective of VATI is to provide financial assistance to supplement construction costs by private sector broadband service providers, in partnership with local units of government to extend service to areas that presently are unserved by any broadband provider.